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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 3 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 28, 2004 in the above identified application, Applicant responds as follows: